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For: NETWORK-ATTACHED DISK UNIT WITH DATA PROTECTION  
FUNCTION AND SERVER PROTECTING DATA STORED IN  
NETWORK-ATTACHED DISK DEVICE

Group: 2172

Examiner: G. Liang

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

October 17, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 16, 2002, please amend the  
above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 12, 13 and 19 without prejudice or disclaimer of the  
matter therein.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A disk unit, connectable to a server computer  
and a client computer via a network, wherein the server computer manages a